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REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to in the Office Action. A replacement sheet (Figure 1) is attached hereto for improved clarity. However, the drawings are clearly labeled and described in the corresponding specification. Hence, no substantive changes to the drawings are necessary at this time.

The specification has been objected to for lack of page numbers. Page numbers have been added to the specification, per the Examiner's request.

Claims 6, 10 and 14-17 have been objected to due to informalities. Claims 6, 10 and 14-17 have been canceled.

Claims 1-4 and 7-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Saito. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the invention, each cell of a frame is assigned the same cell loss priority. In this regard, the quality of service is guaranteed if some of the cells drop out due to an overload or other disruption. More specifically, in a guaranteed frame rate (GFR) link, a frame's information is packed in ATM cells and ATM cells DPx of a frame are assigned the same loss priority and/or cell loss priority information CLP using cell loss priority bits (CLP-Bit). Saito fails to disclose this feature. In Saito, if congestion information or slowdown information is contained, the transmitter terminal decreases the cell rate to remedy the congestive status. Moreover, insertion and separate of cells are executed at points of connection or terminal end points in the ATM switching network.

Since the recited method is not disclosed by the applied prior art, claims 1-4 and 7-9 are patentable.

Claims 5-6 and 10-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Saito in view of Watanabe. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons presented in the

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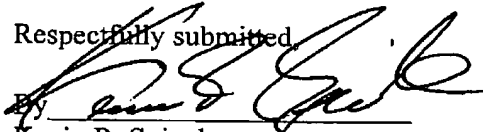
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arguments above, and since Watanabe fails to disclose each cell of a frame is assigned the same cell loss priority.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122022500.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings with the attached replacement sheets for Figure 1.

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